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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE REGARDING U.S. MILITARY POSTURE
IN PACIFIC

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION I CHIEF, YI SUNG-GON,
CONTACTED EMBOFF AUGUST 18 TO INQUIRE ABOUT REPORTS IN ROK
VERNACULAR PRESS CONCERNING EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN REGARDING
US/CHINA POLICY (WIRELESS FILE AUGUST 17). YI WAS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER PRM 24 MENTIONED IN THE EVANS
AND NOVAK COLUMN REPRESENTED U.S. POLICY, PARTICULARLY THE
REFERENCE TO A "CURRENT PRESENCE BASELINE" (ALASKA -- JAPAN --
KOREA -- OKINAWA -- PHILIPPINES) AND A "REDUCED PRESENCE
BASELINE" (ALASKA -- JAPAN -- OKINAWA -- GUAM). YI
NOTICED THAT "REDUCED PRESENCE BASELINE" EXCLUDED
KOREA AND PHILIPPINES AND ASKED WHETHER THIS REFLECTED U.S.
POLICY DECISION.

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2. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT PREPARATION OF PRM IS A POLICY
REVIEW PROCEDURE IN WHICH ALL CONCEIVABLE OPTIONS ARE
DISCUSSED SO THAT DECISION MAKERS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE
ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE PLICIES
NO MATTER HOW UNREALISTIC. EMBOFF ADDED HE HAD NO REASON
FOR BELIEVING EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE ACCURATELY REFLECTED
U.S. POLICY REVIEW NOR THAT ANY SUCH REVIEW HAD IN FACT

TAKEN PLACE.

3. YI SEEMED TO BE SEEKING AN EXPLANATION OF PRM PROCESS
AND DID NOT PURSUE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION OF WHETHER U.S. WAS
CONSIDERING DRAWING DEFENSE LINE WHICH MIGHT EXCLUDE KOREA.
EVEN THE SUGGESTION THAT THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING SUCH A
POLICY WILL PROBABLY SEND SHOCK WAVES THROUGH THE KOREAN
GOVERNMENT AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO FURTHER
INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT.
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